

winds reaching 35 miles per hour. As a result of his accomplishing this difficult drive, his story was picked up by the national news and Don was invited to appear in an episode of "Rawhide" which starred a young Clint Eastwood.

Don Hight displayed his strong patriotism following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when he sold 100 head of calves to the Fort Pierre Livestock and presented the check to the South Dakota Stock Growers to buy beef certificates, which were given to the Salvation Army for distribution to the victim's families.

Mr. Hight is truly a reflection of the American cowboy and proof that the cowboy way of life is still alive and well in South Dakota. He is a man dedicated to his country, and the values that this country represents such as bravery, honor and respect for his fellow man. It is people like Don that make the state of South Dakota such a great place to live.

It gives me pleasure to rise and pay tribute to Don Hight, a true American cowboy.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:36 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3248. An act to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 1495) to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.

At 4:28 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed

the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3159. An act to mandate minimum periods of rest and recuperation for units and members of the regular and reserve components of the Armed Forces between deployments for Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

At 6:29 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2272) to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 2831. An act to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

S. 1927. A bill to amend the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 to provide additional procedures for authorizing certain acquisitions of foreign intelligence information and for other purposes.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1974. A bill to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protections Act of 2006.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2767. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Black Stem Rust; Addition of Rust-Resistant Varieties" (Docket No. APHIS-2007-0072) received on July 31, 2007; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2768. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General John M. Curran, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2769. A communication from the General Counsel, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, the report of draft legislation intended to amend provisions that specify the weights and compositions of the dollar, half dollar, quarter dollar, dime, 5-cent, and

one-cent coins; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-2770. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "FPA Section 203 Supplemental Policy Statement" (FERC Docket No. PL07-1-000) received on July 29, 2007; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-2771. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Iowa; Clean Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8450-1) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2772. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Kansas" (FRL No. 8450-5) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2773. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri" (FRL No. 8450-7) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2774. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Determination of Attainment, Approval of Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Indiana; Correction" (FRL No. 8450-3) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2775. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethenamid; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL No. 8138-2) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2776. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Maricopa County" (FRL No. 8448-6) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2777. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the authorized shore projection project for Lido Key Beach in Sarasota, Florida; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-2778. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Program; Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System for Federal Fiscal Year 2008" ((RIN0938-A063)(Docket No. CMS-1551-F)) received on August 1, 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2779. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Center for Medicare Management, Department of Health and